

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Tarsset Parish Council held at 730pm prompt in the Village hall, Lanehead, Tarsset, Northumberland, on Wednesday 19th October 2016

Those Present: J Morrison Bell (Chairman), D McCracken, S Walton, T Kaithiravel, M Walton,
In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), Ann Munro, David Watkins, Daryl Jackson - members of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Kate Purdy - member of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Thanks given to visitors present.

2. APOLOGIES

R Ward

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interests.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The current situation an impasse. The only plan possible would be heavily modified, and not fit for purpose with virtually no local content. Unless National Park are willing to put local content back in, there was no purpose in continuing. Thousands of pounds of taxpayers money had been spent, and unpaid volunteers had wasted their time. When draft policy submitted, feedback had been given and policy redrafted, however last minute objections had been raised, with no satisfactory explanation provided by National Parks. Options now were to abandon plan; modify plan, or renegotiate with National Park. Parish Council voiced concern with Tony Gates unresponsiveness and it was resolved to ask him if there was any room for negotiation, (if not, effectively the plan dies) and invite him to the next PC meeting.

M Walton then declared an interest, and suggested Parish Council and Steering Group work together to draft an official invite to Tony Gates.

5. VACANCY

No nominations had been received further to the latest by election notice.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2016 were confirmed as a true record after minor spelling amendments.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Further meeting had been held at Kielder regarding introduction of lynx, however this appeared unlikely to happen.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kate Purdy wished to speak about proposed closure of B.T. telephone box at Lanehead, giving her objections to closure. It was agreed Parish Council would object to the proposals due to the dangerous layout of the road and high risk of vehicular accidents, with poor mobile phone coverage in the area, retention of public box of great importance – also applicable to box at Greenhaugh with poor mobile signal coverage.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) **Lampost in Lanehead:** to be taken off agenda.

b) **Greenhaugh traffic calming/Burnmouth Bridge:** a further stone now rocking, with one post holding fence up bolted to this and requiring urgent attention before winter, clerk to contact County Council.

c) **Possibility of a parish sign:** Planning application for Lanehead signage had been refused. There had been no interest from article placed on Tarsset mailing referring to possibility of a parish sign - however J Morrison Bell to speak to planning applicant regarding this option.

- d) **Proposed closure of public telephone box, Greenhaugh:** Discussed earlier.
- e) Comment had been received regarding trees requiring attention from Redmire to Rushend, clerk to report to County Council.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The most recent financial accounts were accepted and approved.
- b) The following invoices were authorised for payment: C Miller September Salary, £284.98 (542) & October Expenses, £21.60 (543)
- c) Grant applications under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972e: no applications received.
- d) To authorise any future expenditure: Clerk had queried by election notice costs with County Council, however due to long-term sickness absence, no information currently available.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- NHS – Stakeholder update; Northumberland National Park Authority – proposed closure of telephone box, Greenhaugh; NALC newsletter 27/9/16; 4/10/16; 11/10/16; CAN newsletter 29/9/16; Notice of 16NP0078, advertisement – Lanehead junction being considered at Northumberland National Park Authority Development Management Committee 12/10/16; Northumberland National Park Authority – Local Plan 2017 – 2037; Northumberland County Council – Revised arrangements for local services liaison meetings; Northumberland County Council – notice of planning training events – S Walton to attend.

12. PLANNING

- a) No planning applications had been received.
- b) To receive approval of the following planning application: 16NP0079, Buddhist Retreat, Greenhaugh – waste water treatment plant – planning permission granted conditionally
- c) Notice of 16NP0078, advertisement – Lanehead junction being considered at Northumberland National Park Authority Development Management Committee 12/10/16 – notice of application refusal had now been received
- d) Northumberland National Park Authority – Local Plan 2017-2037 – consultation available

13. REPORTS

Clerk had attended the third annual town and parish council conference held at County Hall, with report circulated to all.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Crack in bridge at bottom of Greenhaugh Bank reported.
- No favourable response had been received further to Tasset mailing request for volunteers to maintain Orchard, as a last resort, scything could be carried out next year.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 850pm.